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UPGRADATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF NH IN WB AND SIKKIM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the construction undertaken on National Highways in West Bengal and Sikkim under the National Highways Development Programme;

(b) the amount allocated and spent annually on widening, new construction works and improvement under National Highways Development Programme in the States during the last three years, year-wise and the details of the achievement made;

(c) the details of the works and funds sanctioned for these National Highways for 2007-08; and

(d) the details of the allocation, expenditure and payments made to the contractors and the works undertaken by them for the construction of NH-78?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) In the State of West Bengal construction works under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) have been undertaken for 4 laning of National Highways No. 2, 6, 60, 41 and 31 in a length of 498 km under NHDP Phase-I and 83 km of National Highways No. 31 and 31 C under NHDP Phase-II. Under NHDP Phase-III, construction of Dalkhola Bypass on NH-34 having a length of 5.5 km has been undertaken. There is no project in the State of Sikkim under NHDP.

(b) These works are being implemented by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). No State wise funds are allocated by NHAI for the implementation of projects. However, the expenditure incurred by NHAI on these projects in the State of West Bengal during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is Rs. 990.77 crore, Rs. 576.01 crore, Rs. 201.57 crore respectively. The achievements made in West Bengal during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is 254.71 km, 43.45 km and 1.34 km respectively.

(c) The estimated expenditure proposed to be incurred in the State of West Bengal for the year 2007-08 on NHDP is Rs. 245.00 crore.

(d) The NH-78 passes through the State of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. Allocation is made State-wise and not NH−wise or contract−wise. During last three years Rs. 63.08 crore were spent on various improvement works of NH-78.